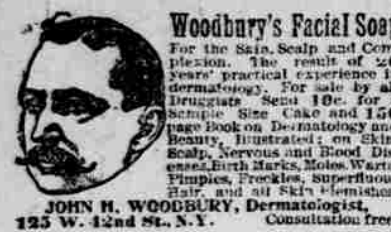


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## TO CHAMPION SIN.

Many Theorists Who Will Shortly Be Among Us.

Oscar Wilde's Unique Mission—Chamberlain's Vast Project—Why Clemenceau Will Visit America—The Mysterious Mission of Prelate Walsh.

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Of the many distinguished men who are to visit the United States very soon—and the names of Joseph Chamberlain, Emilio Castelar, Archbishop Walsh, Goldwin Smith, Lord Mayor Shanks, Dr. Franz von Rottenburg, Lord Randolph Churchill and others are on the list—not one comes to us upon a mere unique mission than does Oscar Wilde. For the apostle of aestheticism, to employ his favorite verbal designation of himself, will open in America a new crusade, that of championing sin and demonstrating its general desirability.

Mr. Wilde is due in New York late this month or the beginning of next. Upon his arrival he will prepare for the stage a play in which Rose Coghlan is



OSCAR WILDE.

to star. The piece is all written but Mr. Wilde's anxiety that it be correctly interpreted has brought him among us and incidentally led to the propagation of his new theory in our country first of all.

The statement that Oscar Wilde will endeavor to patch up a reconciliation between his brother and Mrs. Frank Leslie is authoritatively denied. Once the staging of his play is accomplished, the Don Quixote of philosophy will devote all his leisure to the development of certain dogmas which as yet he has given but partial expression to. In "The Picture of Dorian Gray," and in certain metrical productions, in addition to the play which was suppressed because of a too daring moral radicalism, Mr. Wilde has tried to evolve certain ideas relative to the virtue and general utility of sin. The abuse that has been heaped upon him, to quote his own words, "makes vindication sweet." The sunflower knight has not forgotten the vituperation of George Parsons Lathrop, who styled Wilde's writings "disgusting filth and a wreck with the atmosphere of unnatural debasement."

Mr. Wilde's theory of sin, so far as he has given utterance to it by voice and pen, is this: The tendency to sin is inborn. Sin, therefore, enters ipso facto into the schemes of the universe as much as virtue. Now, there are variations of sin as well as shades of virtue. Since sin can only be praiseworthy when practiced for political motives, is not its antithesis, sin, also a means to certain ends? Cannot sin be studied, in other words, with



M. GEORGES CLEMENCEAU.

a view to its utility as a servant instead of as a master? Has anyone ever made a study of the possibilities of sin? Has sin ever been dissected and experimented with from worthy motives? No. The physician who exposes himself to the contagion of smallpox and consumption that he may better know and battle with those diseases is a hero in the cause of science. Similarly, the being who exposes himself to every temptation and yields his spotless soul to the debaucheries of a Tiberius at Capri or practices the exquisite wickednesses that have rendered the name of Helio-gabalus synonymous with sensual slavery will, if prompted by worthy motives, retain every vestige of his innocence. Here, then, is the germ of the Oscar Wilde theory: One may sin—sin knowingly and deliberately, from worthy motives.

In justice to Mr. Wilde, it should be



Pennyroyal Pills

pointed out that he draws a distinction between sin for the sake of sinning and sin committed in the line of scientific experiment on much the same basis as eating to live is the ethical antithesis of living to eat. Moreover those sins which involve vulgarity are entirely inexcusable. To steal another's purse is contemptible, because it is unrefined, but to investigate the elective affinity between hearts and souls which have come in contact too late for such a study from the conventional point of view, may be

noble self-sacrifice. "There is a time for all things," says Solomon. The great misfortune of the human race has been that never has it seemed able to tell when the time for sinning has arrived. The sins of the world have usually been so inopportunistically committed as to afford no material for the scientific study of wickedness, a region in which Mr. Wilde would become the pioneer.

This explains, in Mr. Wilde's opinion, the strange attraction exerted by sin and sinners upon even the virtuous in all ages. How interesting is the handsome rascal who has broken bonds of hearts and wrecked the happiness of those who unscientifically stooped to folly! What a wealth of material for investigation has thus run to waste! Society has long revolted against this conventional injustice to sin, but no one has yet had the courage to champion the cause. Upon Mr. Wilde has it devolved to become the parent of the science of sin in much the fashion that Adam Smith is now the father of the science of political economy.

Whether the sunflower is to be retained as the cross of the new crusade seems yet unknown. Emilio Zola's suggestion of a pair of horns has not been noticed.

Mr. Wilde, however, is not the only theorist who will shortly land upon our coast. The arrival of Joseph Chamberlain with his American wife is designed to have a quickening effect upon all movements looking to the unification of the Anglo-Saxon race. Mr. Chamberlain is contemplating a public utterance that will place his opposition to home rule for Ireland in an entirely new light. He means to come out in favor of a parliamentary union of all English speaking peoples. According to his theory the home rule bill is a direct blow at this scheme, apart from any considerations of its political inexpediency. Mr. Chamberlain will point to the Behring sea arbitration as one indication of the Anglo-Saxon unification to come. He believes that no written constitution will be necessary to bring all this to pass and that in much less time than most men now anticipate. England, the United States, Australia and the colonies will be a great federate republic. Mr. Chamberlain proposes to remain six weeks in the United States.

Goldwin Smith comes to us from across the Canadian border on an errand of much the same nature as does Joseph Chamberlain. He will work actively for the annexation of the dominion to the United States. Mr.



JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.

Goldwin Smith means to make the propaganda of his life work and believes that he will live to see Canada a state of the American union. The theorist has a wealthy wife and no end of brains and is eager to make his name even more eminent than it now is.

Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, is the prelate who has made so much stir as a politician in Ireland. He has long wished to visit this country and although the ostensible object of his tour is recreation, there are vague reports of a Vatican mission concerning which Satelli could say something if he would. The archbishop will not go back to Ireland until December.

Dr. Franz von Rottenburg will bring his wife to America in a few weeks, probably, that she may visit her father, William Walter Phelps. Emilio Castelar will voyage from Spain for his health and may not be here until next year. Lord Randolph Churchill had intended to come as the guest of William Waldorf Astor, but the latter abandoned his proposed world's fair visit and the noble lord will come with his wife—when is uncertain.

Emilio Zola has given up his trip to this country for the present, but Clemenceau, the politician-duelist, and a Frenchman almost as well known as the novelist, will be here by November. As is known, Mme. Clemenceau lives in this country, having separated from her husband in consequence of his unpolitical interest in the female



PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH.

sex generally. His defeat for the chamber of deputies having had a sobering effect upon this gay Lothario, it may be that the state of Indiana, wherein Mme. Clemenceau now lives with her little son, is to become the center of a readable item of news this autumn.

## A FORECAST OF WINTER.

A Dressmaking Expert Says the Styles Will Be Beautiful.

Silks and Satins Galore, Slightly Narrow Skirts, and a Chance, as Always, for Tall Women to Dress Becomingly—Ellen Osborn's Chat.

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It is maddening to hear and heed a stern call of duty repressing an artistic impulse. To-morrow is to be, or should be, if all turns out well, the great yacht race, and there are yachting gowns galore, gowns of green and silver gray, and gowns of brown and yellow, and gowns innumerable of blue, with stars and stripes, and bands, and frogs and buttons and revers of natty white, and there are yachting



TWO AUTUMN GOWNS.

caps to match, and coquettish felt hats, and everything but hats with feathers, which, even when refit from the dead forms of their rightful owners, still display a birdlike aversion to the wet. There is, in short, the greatest yachting display of this or any year to write about—and duty's peremptory finger beckons to a consideration of winter styles. "Not now, not until May at the very least," says saith duty, "mayest thou write of yachting gowns. Keep to the nearer issue."

And in desperation and much flinging backward of envious glances I hie to my lady of the shears and tape. In her parlor I find her—no modiste has a "shop" nowadays—trim, tall, stately, not elderly, but young and fresh, with cheeks like a rose, and "a way about her" born of long and unquestioned rule.

"The autumn styles, as far as can be determined," says my lady, sitting at ease in a great rococo chair, "will probably be the prettiest and most becoming of any which have yet appeared in this year of grace." (Something we



TWO AUTUMN WRAPS.

must here allow for pride professional. "Skirts no longer have the exaggerated fullness all around; many of the newest ones have nearly all the fullness in the back breadth, which fall in ample folds, while jackets, which show a tendency to increase in length, exhibit the same characteristics."

"A very pretty style and one exceedingly becoming to tall rather full figures, is the redingote, with full plain skirt underneath. The straight, smooth lines are very becoming to a well-developed figure. Black satin, and, indeed, all the darker shades of satin of every tone, will be very popular this winter, many of the imported gowns being made of that beautiful fabric altogether, heavily trimmed with jet, or with an abundance of rich white guipure lace." Here, continued Mme. la Mode, "is an unusually pretty imported dinner gown of accordion plaited black crepe, trimmed with four rows of insertion around the skirt. These rows are of three widths, the two middle ones alike. The same lace encircles the waist, with bands of the narrower lace around the lower portion of the sleeves. The flounce set in at the armholes and the full front are arranged with much grace."

By this time, one can well imagine Mme. la Mode has lost some of her statuesque hauteur, and was rattling on as gaily as a mother with a young baby. Dressmaker isn't the less a woman.

"The tailor-made gown," she went on, "in all its pristine simplicity, is regaining favor, and certainly no style

of dress looks so well and neatly on our bright American girls as this same much caricatured fashion. Long live the tailor-made girl.

"The materials for winter dresses are beginning to be shown a little—autumn dresses you know all about—and are thick and rather rough looking, with a distinctly hairy surface. Some have a diagonal rib across and are very pretty made up with the bias effect. Oh, and by the way, the useful and serviceable homespun is again to the front."

"The very much abused cape was short lived indeed, and it deserved to be. This winter will see a return to the large sleeved jackets of good three-quarter length, for street wear, while the cape will be relegated to theater and carriage use."

It is early autumn time when women say: "It is time to think about wraps."



JOHN HENRY BARROWS.

The Famous Divine Who Originated the Parliament of Religions.

Rev. John Henry Barrows, D. D., the originator of the great plan of holding the parliament of religions at Chicago, is but forty-six years old. For twelve years he has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Chicago. That in itself is proof of his marked ability and sterling worth. He was born in Medina, Mich. His parents were of New England stock. He entered Olivet college, and after an honorable career there, in the course of which he showed a remarkable fondness for literature, history and the classics, was graduated in 1867. He then studied theology at Yale, Union and Andover and afterward spent two years and a half in missionary and educational work in Kansas. Then he preached a year in the First Congregational church of Springfield, Ill., after which he traveled twelve months in foreign lands. While abroad he supplied the American chapel at Paris and made



REV. DR. JOHN HENRY BARROWS.

many friends. Returning to America, he became the pastor of the Eliot Congregational church at Lawrence, Mass., and then he went to the Maverick church at East Boston, where he was at work when the First Presbyterians of Chicago sought him. At that time he was in the midst of a struggle to pay off an enormous debt on the Maverick church, and his western admirers sympathized with him to the extent of subscribing \$5,000 to the fund. Dr. Barrows' ministry in Chicago has been characterized by his tremendous energy in all good works and his growing popularity with his people. Since October, 1881, 1,200 members have been received in the church and chapel. Besides being a preacher of unusual power, Dr. Barrows is a lecturer and an author of considerable reputation. He has delivered notable addresses on such varied topics as "Samuel Adams," "James Russell Lowell," "John Stuart Mill," "Rembrandt," "Jerusalem" and "Shakespeare." Among the works he has published are: "The Gospels Are True Histories," "The Nation and the Soldier," "The World of Books," "The Perfection of the Bible," "Martin Luther" and "Religion the Motive Power in Human Progress." For four years Dr. Barrows, generously supported by his people, held Sunday evening services in Central Music hall, which were marked with wonderful results. Dr. Barrows is the directing power of the wonderful parliament of religions. It was his idea and he has carried the project to a successful issue. The great convocation has made the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Chicago the best-known minister in America to-day.

Marie Stuart's Crucifix.  
The cathedral of Mayence has just come into possession of an interesting relic. The German poetess, Hahn Hahn, has just left to the sacred edifice the crucifix worn by Marie Stuart at her execution, and which bears the date of February 18, 1578. This relic is perfectly authentic.

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